

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly comprising:

a housing having an upper wall portion, a lower wall portion, a forwardly facing wall portion, an inner wall portion, and an outer wall portion, adapted to be secured to an outer surface of a motor vehicle and having a generally rearwardly facing opening;

a reflective mirror disposed within the opening;

a modular bezel connected to said lower wall portion of said housing, the modular bezel having a front surface and a rear surface, an opening for projecting light and a holder positioned in said modular bezel wherein said modular bezel is positioned entirely below said reflective element, said modular bezel being a separate structure from said housing;

a longitudinal member formed on said bezel and extending between said front surface and said rear surface, wherein said longitudinal member has a surface positioned adjacent said lower wall of said housing when said bezel is connected to said housing;

one or more locators extending upward from said surface of said longitudinal member, said one or more locators aligns with one or more locators on said lower wall of said housing;

a light transmitting lens formed in the modular bezel; and

a light source assembly located and connected to said holder inside the modular bezel having a light source connectable to the light source assembly wherein the light source generates light, the light source assembly generating light projected through the opening in the modular bezel, the light source assembly being operable to provide a light signal visible through the light transmitting lens.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the opening in the modular bezel projects rearwardly.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 2 wherein the light source assembly is removably secured to the modular bezel.

Claim 4. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, a vehicle approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 5. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a vehicle approach light and wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.

Claim 6. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a vehicle side marker light and wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.

Claim 7. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a turn signal and wherein the lens is one of red, white, and amber.

Claim 8. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the modular bezel is integrally formed with the housing.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the modular bezel is separately formed from the housing, and wherein a fastener attaches the modular bezel to the housing.

Claim 11. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

Claim 12. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly includes an electrical connector for supporting the light source.

Claim 13. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein the bulb holder is integrally formed with the light source assembly.

Claim 14. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

- a mirror housing having an upper wall portion, a lower wall portion, a forwardly facing wall portion, an inner wall portion and an outer wall portion;
- a reflective element;
- a backing assembly supported by the mirror housing, the backing assembly supporting the reflective element;
- a modular bezel having a front surface and a rear surface, formed separately from the mirror housing and connected to said lower wall portion, wherein said modular bezel is positioned entirely below said reflective element, the modular bezel having an opening for projecting light and a holder positioned in the modular bezel;
- a longitudinal member formed on said bezel and extending between said front surface and said rear surface, wherein said longitudinal member has a surface positioned adjacent said lower wall of said housing when said bezel is connected to said housing;

one or more locators extending upward from said surface of said longitudinal member, said one or more locators aligns with one or more locators on said lower wall of said housing;

a light module connectedly disposed within the holder of said modular bezel, the light module having a light source, wherein light from the light source projects through the opening; and

a lens formed in the opening, the light projecting through the lens.

Claim 16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the opening in the bezel projects rearwardly.

Claim 18. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 19. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.

Claim 20. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from

approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

Claim 21. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The mirror assembly of claim 15 further comprising a fastener for attaching the light module to the modular bezel.

Claim 23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The mirror assembly of claim 15 further comprising a clip-type fastener for connecting said modular bezel to said lower wall portion of said mirror housing.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:
a mirror housing having an upper wall portion, a lower wall portion, a forwardly facing wall portion, an inner wall portion and an outer wall portion;

a reflective element;

a backing assembly supported by the mirror housing, the backing assembly supporting the reflective element;

a modular bezel formed as a separate element and attached to said lower wall portion, a front surface and a rear surface, wherein said modular

bezel is positioned entirely below said reflective element, the modular bezel having an opening for projecting light through the opening, and a holder positioned in the modular bezel;

a longitudinal member formed on said bezel and extending between said front surface and said rear surface, wherein said longitudinal member has a surface positioned adjacent said lower wall of said housing when said bezel is connected to said housing;

one or more locators extending upward from said surface of said longitudinal member, said one or more locators aligns with one or more locators on said lower wall of said housing;

a light module disposed within the holder inside the modular bezel, the light module having a light source for providing light projected through the opening; and
a lens formed in the opening, the light projecting through the lens.

Claim 26. (Cancelled)

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the opening in the modular bezel projects rearwardly.

Claim 28. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 29. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 25 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.

Claim 30. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

Claim 31. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the light source is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

Claim 32. (Previously Presented) The mirror assembly of claim 25 further comprising a fastener for attaching the light module to the modular bezel.

Claim 33. (Cancelled)

Claim 34. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 32 ~~wherein the fastener comprises a clip type fastener, the clip type fastener engaging the modular bezel~~ 25 further comprising one or more clip fasteners projecting upwardly from said surface of said longitudinal member for engagement with one or more apertures on said lower wall of said housing.

Claim 35. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly comprising:

a housing having an upper wall portion, a lower wall portion, a forwardly facing wall portion, an inner wall and an outer wall portion, adapted to be secured to an outer surface of a motor vehicle and having a generally rearwardly facing opening;

a reflective mirror disposed within the opening;

a modular bezel connected to said lower wall portion and the body of which extends in proximity to said lower wall portion, a front surface and a rear surface, the modular bezel having a rearward opening for projecting light and a holder positioned inside the modular bezel, wherein the modular bezel is positioned entirely below the reflective element;

a longitudinal member formed on said bezel and extending between said front surface and said rear surface, wherein said longitudinal member has a surfaced position adjacent said lower wall of said housing when said bezel is connected to said housing;

one or more locators extending upward from said surface of said longitudinal member, said one or more locators aligns with one or more locators on said lower wall of said housing;

a light transmitting lens formed in the modular bezel; and

a light source assembly removably secured to the holder inside of the modular bezel and having a light source, the light source assembly generating light projected through the opening in the modular bezel, the light source assembly being operable to provide a light signal visible through the light transmitting lens.

Claim 36. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 35 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 37. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 36 wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.

Claim 38. (Previously Presented) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the modular bezel is integrally formed with the housing.

Claim 39. (Previously Presented) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the modular bezel is separately formed from the housing, and wherein fasteners attach the modular bezel to the housing.

Claim 40. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the light source assembly is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

Claim 41. (New) The mirror assembly of claim 1 further comprising one or more clip fasteners projecting upwardly from said surface of said longitudinal member for engagement with one or more apertures on said wall of said housing.

Claim 42. (New) The mirror assembly of claim 15 further comprising one or more clip fasteners projecting upwardly from said surface of said longitudinal member for engagement with one or more apertures on said wall of said housing.

Claim 43. (New) The exterior rear view mirror assembly of claim 35 further comprising one or more clip fasteners projecting upwardly from said surface of said longitudinal member for engagement with one or more apertures on said wall of said housing.